

A method of detecting and/or quantifying a specific IgE antibody in a liquid sample

ABSTRACT

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A method of detecting and/or quantifying an IgE antibody specific to a ligand in the form of antigen, antibody or hapten in a liquid sample comprising the steps of

10 (a) contacting (i) the sample with (ii) a ligand in the form of an antigen, an antibody or a hapten to form a mixture I comprising IgE-containing complexes,

(b) mixing mixture I with a carrier to which is bound  
15 (iii) IgE receptor, said IgE receptor being CD23 (FcεRII) and/or FcεRI, to form a mixture II comprising carrier-bound IgE-containing complexes,

(c) separating the carrier-bound IgE-containing complexes  
20 from mixture II, and

(d) determining the amount of the carrier-bound IgE-containing complexes formed.

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